12-21 p.m. * THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the attention of the Government has been invited to the coercive steps taken by the Revenue authorities in Tirunelveli district in the matter of collection of loans granted to the ryots of Sattangulam area in Tirunelveli taluk under the Intensive Manuring Scheme, where there has been continuous drought and failure of crops in the area. At the outset I may point out to the hon. Member that the matter was already brought to my notice by the President of the Tirunelveli District Congress Committee in his letter, dated 14th September 1956. Thereupon the Collector of Tirunelveli has been instructed to stay collections by coercive steps till final orders are passed on the representation that famine conditions prevailed in the Sattangulam and Nanguneri areas. The Collector has also been called upon to send a detailed report in the matter at an early date and the Government await his report. Thus the Government are already aware of the matter given notice of by the hon. Member and they have promptly taken suitable action to stay collection by coercive steps. I may therefore assure the hon. Member that the Government will look into the matter as soon as the Collector's report is received and pass appropriate orders.

IV.—STATEMENT OF HON. SPEAKER *RE* CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE ASSEMBLY CONSEQUENT ON THE REORGANIZATION OF STATES.

MR. SPEAKER: May I now crave the indulgence of this House to take a few minutes before we proceed with the next item of business. It is with regret that I have to say that I shall be vacating my office as Speaker on the 1st of November. Twenty-nine members representing various constituencies from the Malabar district, 11 members from the South Kanara district and one member from the Kollegal constituency will cease to be members of this Assembly on the 1st of November. Of these, 9 members from South Kanara and one member from the Kollegal constituency will become members of the Mysore Legislative Assembly. The members from Malabar and two members from Kasaragod will practically be like members of a dissolved Assembly, for there is no Assembly in the Kerala State. Thus it is with regret that I have to announce that the present sitting of the Assembly will be the last sitting in which I shall preside over its deliberations as Speaker and in which these 41 members will participate in the proceedings as Members of the Madras State Assembly. Thus the ties of centuries between Malabar and South Kanara and the Madras State will be severed with feelings of mutual regret.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am sure the House would have taken this news with great regret, that you would be vacating your office from the 1st of November. We all realize that this is no voluntary act of yours but in view of the reorganization of the States, this decision has been forced on

you. Therefore, the regret is all the more and to-morrow I intend moving a Motion of Thanks to the Speaker and I am sure many hon. Members will be participating in the consideration of that Motion. Therefore, I do not think that I should say anything more about that. I also intend moving another Motion of felicitation and thanking the hon. Members belonging to the Malabar district, South Kanara district and the Kollegal constituency. Both the Motions will be moved to-morrow.

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI : Sir, without making any further speech on this question and reserving it to the time when the Motion is taken up for consideration, I also would like to associate myself with the sentiments expressed and the desire to move two Motions tomorrow and I support this proposal.

MR. SPEAKER : The Motions will be taken up to-morrow. Now I call upon Dr. U. Krishna Rao to present the Report of the Estimates Committee.

V.—PRESENTATION OF THE REPORTS OF THE ESTIMATES COMMITTEE.

DR. U. KRISHNA RAO : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to present the following Reports of the Estimates Committee :—

(i) Third Report on Public Works (Communications);

(ii) Fourth Report on Sanitary Engineering and the

(iii) Fifth Report on Agricultural Machinery.

Sir, on account of the unavoidable delay in getting the factual verification of the Reports, there has been a delay in printing the reports and one typed copy has been given to me as Chairman of the Committee. I can assure hon. Members that it will be printed and circulated to all hon. Members as early as possible. I hope hon. Members will condone this deficiency and will agree to my placing these Reports before this House.

VI.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS ESTATES (ABOLITION AND CONVERSION INTO RYOTWARI) AMENDMENT BILL, 1956.

* THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, I beg to introduce the Madras Estates (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Amendment Bill[a], 1956 and move—

" That the Bill be taken into consideration at once. "

Sir, the amendments proposed in this Bill are those found necessary as a result of the experience gained in the working of the Madras Estates (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Act, 1948, so far. The Statement of Objects and Reasons explains the scope and purpose of each amendment proposed. The amendments, proposed by clauses 3 to 6, 10, 13, 15, 17, 21, 23 and 27 are only

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